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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that the Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program, which evaluates weekly water quality at popular swimming beaches throughout the Territory by sampling for Enterococci, Bacteria and Turbidity, which is a measure of water clarity, advises the public of the following:

DPNR performed water quality analysis at 27 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of March 8, – March 12, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix	
Protestant Cay	Cramer's Park
New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Halfpenny Beach
Buccaneer	
Shoy's Beach	
Chenay Bay	

St. Thomas		
Water Bay	Sapphire Beach	Lindquist Beach
Bolongo Bay	Vessup Bay	Coki Point
Frenchman's Bay	Secret Harbor	Limetree Bay
Magen's Bay	Bluebeard's Beach	
Brewer's Bay	Hull Bay	

Water Island	
Honeymoon Beach	
St. John	

Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Great Cruz Bay

The following beaches do not meet water quality standards because they exceed the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore are not considered to be safe for swimming or fishing:

- *Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*
- *Lindberg Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Frank Bay on St. John.*

Please note: Samples were not collected at the following beaches:

- *Stony Ground, Dorsch Beach, Frederiksted Public Beach, Rainbow Beach, Cane Bay, Gentle Winds, Pelican Cove and Princess (Condo Row) on St. Croix*
- *Morningstar on St. Thomas*
- *Johnson Bay on St. John*

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.

All persons should be aware that storm water runoff may also contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health, and therefore, should avoid areas of storm water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles, and drainage basins) or any area that appears discolored or has foul odors. DPNR will continue to monitor impacted areas and waters.

For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix or 774-3320 in St. Thomas.